

**Introduced by Senator Evans**February 20, 2013

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An act to amend Section 6140 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to attorneys.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 345, as introduced, Evans. Attorneys: annual membership fees.

Existing law, the State Bar Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California, a public corporation. The State Bar is governed by a board of trustees. Existing law, until January 1, 2014, requires the board to charge an annual membership fee for active members of up to \$315 for 2013.

This bill would, until January 1, 2015, require the board to charge that annual membership fee for active members.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6140 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 6140. (a) The board shall fix the annual membership fee for
- 4 active members for ~~2013~~ 2014 at a sum not exceeding three
- 5 hundred fifteen dollars (\$315).
- 6 (b) The annual membership fee for active members is payable
- 7 on or before the first day of February of each year. If the board
- 8 finds it appropriate and feasible, it may provide by rule for payment
- 9 of fees on an installment basis with interest, by credit card, or other
- 10 means, and may charge members choosing any alternative method

1 of payment an additional fee to defray costs incurred by that  
2 election.  
3 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2014~~  
4 ~~2015~~, and, as of that date, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
5 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2014~~ ~~2015~~, deletes or extends  
6 that date.

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